

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 19-20 with the following paragraph:

-- Fig. 1C is a diagram indicating the Synoviolin promoter Ets binding site and its core region for human (SEQ ID NO:15) and mouse (SEQ ID NO:16), respectively. --

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 21-22 with the following paragraph:

-- Fig. 1D is a diagram showing the transcriptional activity when introducing mutations into the promoter. Wild type sequences are shown as SEQ ID NOS:9, 8 and 10 for ABS, EBS and SBS, respectively. Mutation sequences are shown as SEQ ID NOS:17 and 18 for EBS mutant and SBS mutant, respectively. --

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 3 with the following paragraph:

-- Fig. 5 is a diagram showing the sequence of a decoy nucleic acid (SEQ ID NOS:11-14, respectively, in order of appearance). --